

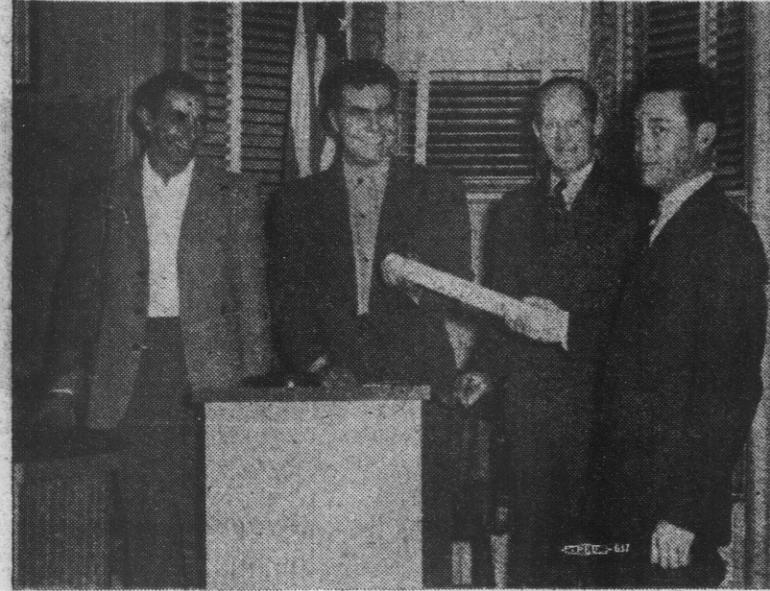
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WHOLE No. 429

## NEW SALINAS UNION



Above are shown the principal participants during the recent ceremonies in connection with the charter installation for the new Salinas Machinist lodge, Local 1824. Reading from left to right: Antone Nunes, financial secretary; James Higgins, president; Leslie Parker, recording secretary; A. B. Woodruff, organizer.

## Sardine Run Due; Mackerel Pack is Good

Hopes for a good run of sardines in the Monterey area were high this week following an unusual and unexpected heavy catch of "horse mackerel" which provided employment for many cannery workers, idle during the long wait for sardines.

Fish Cannery Workers Union Secretary Roy Humboldt said nine plants were putting up tall cans of mackerel, working long hours and providing jobs for all cannery workers available. Many cannerys have gone into other fields because of lack of sardines.

The run of sardines was expected to follow the run of mackerel, officials said. Most boats have returned here to give crews the Christmas holiday at home and sardine fishing is expected to get started at full strength in a short time.

Thus far this season the expected sardine pack at Monterey has been almost nothing and the seasonal pack this year will be the worst in modern history of the famed "Cannery Row," it was reported.

## LABORERS 690 HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY, DANCE

Laborers Union 690 of Monterey held a Christmas party for members, wives and families at the Monterey Labor Temple in New Monterey last Friday night.

S. M. Thomas, union representative, said ice cream and cake, sandwiches and soft drinks were provided by the union. After the refreshments and entertainment, dancing was enjoyed to a union orchestra.

## County BTC Joins Protest On Prison Job

Investigation of the use of convict labor in construction of the prison farm at Soledad is underway by the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council, Business Manager F. O. Easton announced.

Easton said he would make a survey of the project and that a formal protest would be made to state officials.

## Laundry Wkrs. Adopt By-Laws At Next Meeting

Next meeting of Laundry Workers Union 558 of Salinas will be for the purpose of final reading and adoption of new by-laws for the local, reports Business Representative John W. Deer. All members are urged to attend this meeting, set for 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas.

Second reading was given the new code at last week's regular meeting, at which a fair attendance was recorded and business was mainly routine.

## NAM Gathers Huge Fund to Mold Opinion

By MIRIAM KOLKIN

New York City. The Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers will spend \$4,700,000 in 1947 to capture American public opinion.

Representing a \$1,100,000 increase over NAM's 1946 budget, the huge fund will be used to educate NAM members and to try to win over the people to support attacks on labor under the NAM's new smokescreen as a liberal organization.

The "liberal" approach was unveiled at the NAM's recent three-day convention at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel which in itself was one of the biggest propaganda shows ever staged by the industrialists. More than 150 reporters, representing all the major wire services, the nation's biggest papers and the foreign press, covered the sessions. NAM stories, the great majority of them faithfully doing out the big business line, hit the front pages throughout the U. S.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Discussion of NAM public relations work shared a big part of the convention's time. Outline of the NAM's coming activities was set before the delegates by the organization's public relations expert, Holcombe Parkes.

"Included in this program," he said, "are the old standbys of public relations—newspaper and magazine advertising, radio programs, publicity of all kinds, pamphleteering, movies and educational materials." In addition, the NAM plans a series of "sales conferences" to "arm thousands of spokesmen for business," regional and national conferences and work with community leaders. "In short," said Parkes, "we plan to use every tool in the public relations kit—except carrier pigeons and mental telepathy (and we'll use them if necessary)."

### MOTIE IS "PEW!"

The collection speech to back this program was made by Pres. J. Howard Pew of the Sun Oil Co., GOP financial angel and chairman of the NAM's Natl. Industrial Information Committee.

Pew encouraged the NAM-ites to dig down into their pockets by boasting of how the NAM had succeeded in killing OPA. "No more difficult assignment ever faced a group of men," he said, admitting that before the NAM launched its anti-price control campaign about 80 per cent of the people favored OPA. Seven months later after the press and radio had picked up the NAM propaganda, another public opinion poll showed that a majority of the people were against OPA controls, Pew said.

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### DETROIT SCHOOL TEACHERS TO GET BACK PAY FROM CHISELING BOARD

Lansing, Michigan.

Detroit public school teachers, by verdict of the Michigan Supreme Court, will collect \$2,000,000 in back pay and interest from the chiseling Board of Education, and city firemen and Department of Public Works employees are in line for large sums too. This is the end result of a suit initiated by the Detroit & Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL) in 1943, on behalf of all three groups.

The teachers suit was tried first, and separately because the Board of Education is a separate entity of government. The suit to the city treasury is one more heirloom of the Hoover depression. In the spring of 1932, while Hoover was still spotting prosperity around the corner, Detroit could pay its employees only half their wages. In 1937 it paid back half of the difference and declined to pay any more.

The union suit brought the pay-dodging town to time.

### Gyps the Gypper

Hiram went to New York determined to make his fortune pulling some skin games on innocent strangers. However, the first fellow he tried to sell the Brooklyn Bridge to turned out to be the owner, and if he hadn't paid him ten dollars to keep quiet, the man would have had him arrested.

## HARRISBURG POLITICOS PLAN STATUTE TO BAN STRIKE IN UTILITIES

Harrisburg, Penn.

A plan for repressive legislation against unions in public utilities was disclosed here.

State Rep. Hiram G. Andrews of Johnstown announced he would propose a bill in the 1947 legislature to ban strikes in public utilities by forcing unions to accept the arbitration of the Dept. of Labor and Industry, an appointive branch of the state government.

Under the bill public utility unions would be forced to insert such arbitration clauses in their contracts and any labor organization which refused "would forfeit its bargaining rights." The move was believed to be an outgrowth of the recent utility strike in Pittsburgh, which saw the city attempt to break the strike by use of an injunction.

## UNIONS URGING BETTER SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN

Washington, D. C.

Praise for the unemployment insurance program and a call to strengthen and liberalize it came recently from research directors of 33 unions after a study of the program's effects on the reconversion period economy.

"Unemployment insurance filled a vital and stabilizing need during the reconversion period and has met its first major test as a social insurance program," the labor representatives reported. They denied reactionary claims that compensation kept workers from taking jobs, by citing the fact that only 5.3 million workers of the 36 million eligible received any benefit check in the year following V-J Day.

### STRENGTH INADEQUACIES

"For such workers," the report said, "unemployment insurance offered some minimum protection in the search for jobs that would utilize their highest skills," adding that the average length of time that workers received benefits during the year was 11.5 weeks.

The report stressed four major inadequacies in the plan: inadequate benefits, too narrow coverage, too short duration of benefits, and restrictive disqualification provisions.

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### GENERAL MOTORS HEAD OPPOSING BARGAINING ON INDUSTRIAL BASIS

Chicago, Illinois.

A call for legislation to prohibit industry-wide bargaining by labor unions was sounded by Pres. C. E. Wilson of General Motors before a meeting of the Illinois Manufacturers Assn.

Wilson also denounced the closed shop, maintaining that "compulsory unionism is totalitarian," and asked for laws to cover unions and a clarification of the Wagner act.

Calling industry-wide bargaining "the essence of monopoly in labor relations," Wilson said that "if labor monopolies are permitted on a nation-wide basis, employer cartels to match them are thereby made inevitable."

Wilson had no criticism of the way industrial monopolies are operating, but asked for federal tax relief for corporations.

## HOLIDAY MESSAGE

By C. J. HAGGERTY

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

For the second time in six long years, we will be able to enjoy the holidays without the agonizing intrusion of cannon thunder. This is something to be truly grateful for. It is to be hoped that the longer peace prevails, the more determined the people will be to perpetuate it. The faintest remembrance of that horrible blood-letting should be enough to convince the most skeptical that no effort can be too great or difficult to avoid its recurrence.

Although arms have been laid down, it is disheartening to realize that the threat of war still haunts the human race. No person, even though he is only slightly aware of international events, can deny the existence of this ogre and relax under its ominous shadow. To attain the peace we all cherish and long for, we will have to fight as hard if not harder than we fought to defeat the enemy.

### LABOR CLOSES RANKS

In recognition of this unpostponable need, labor is joining with all forces in our country to work indefatigably for more and greater democracy as the only effective way of assuring peace. This can be the only guarantee against the encroachments of developing totalitarian tendencies. Nazism, communism and all other repugnant forms of class rule cannot be staved off by imitating their practices and embracing their philosophy, even though it is the declared objective to use such means to fight those blights of civilization.

That is why the organized labor movement categorically condemns the recent manifestations of a move to attack and destroy the most important laws in our federal and state statute books protecting the citizens of our country.

### ANTI-LABOR PROGRAM

Enemies of democracy are joyfully welcoming and rallying around those short-sighted and opportunistic legislators who are threatening to strait-jacket our country with the most vicious kind of anti-labor legislation. Any attack on social legislation will weaken our democracy and strengthen the totalitarian forces that are beginning to mobilize in this country.

The true friends of democracy will not become labor-baiters. The devoted friends of democracy will oppose every effort to deprive the underprivileged of their rights. In fact, they will do everything humanly possible to extend those rights and strengthen them.

### HYSTERIA SHOWN

A real hysteria is being created against labor. Behind this reprehensible campaign are those who have chosen the methods of totalitarian strategy. Others are being duped into taking this position because of highly exaggerated and distorted reports of labor disputes. The slightest pretext is being seized upon to blacken the name of the trade union movement.

Not one single grievance alleged or otherwise against labor will or can be cured by anti-labor legislation. Not one single grievance alleged or otherwise but what can be adjusted by democratic rule.

### THIS IS THE TRUE ANSWER

This is the true answer to those who are sincere and desirous of correcting abuses.

To try and legislate organized labor out of existence is the aim and the program of those who are intent upon destroying our democracy. Without a strong labor movement, there can be no true and lasting peace. The shattered continent of Europe is the most cruel and poignant example of this.

By weakening the legitimate labor movement, the extreme left and right will be strengthened. They and they alone will benefit from such a catastrophe.

### CALL FOR ACTION!

Before it is too late, the California State Federation of Labor calls upon all of its friends and the people of California to oppose with all their strength the campaign to dismember the labor movement.

We of labor recognize in this challenge not only a threat against us directly, but a much more sinister danger to the entire country. We will fight this threat to the last ditch, not as trade unionists but as American citizens.

If we are to have peace, if we are to enjoy its continuation, then let us dedicate ourselves as fighters for democracy in the coming year ahead.

## ECONOMIST SAYS NEXT DEPRESSION UNDER WAY

Detroit, Michigan.

"Depression will come early in 1947 and will last 12 or 15 months," predicted Scott Nearing, radical economist, to a capacity audience here. "It will be followed by a revival and then will come a major depression, throwing 28,000,000 out of work—unless another war saves the administration then in power."

This Lady Takes the Cake as Super-Dummy

Detroit, Michigan.

When a young receptionist in a doctor's office asked for some hours off for Christmas shopping, the medico told her: "I can't do it, dear. Don't you know the law requires you to work at least 40 hours a week?" And she believed him.

## Picketing Los Angeles Times



After the Los Angeles Times ran a story smearing the Conference of Studio Unions (AFL), these strikers picketed the newspaper, protesting its anti-labor bias. Meanwhile other CSU pickets covered the gates at all major studios despite industry-inspired police violence. (Federated Pictures)

## FEDERATION HITS CIO'S 'BEER BUST'

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Seeking to harass and disrupt the California local unions of the Brewery Workers International, which voted overwhelmingly against affiliation with the CIO and affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, the CIO has instituted a boycott against Buffalo and Wieland's beers in Northern California, and Eastside, Maier's, Grace, Tivoli and Wieland's beers in Southern California.

The Brewery Workers' locals

wish to emphasize that all of these beers, and all other beers, are produced by loyal members of the AFL and deserve the patronage of members of all AFL unions.

Developments leading up to the present efforts of the CIO to harass the brewery workers have been as follows: Last March, a national referendum vote proposing affiliation of the International Union of Brewery Workers with the CIO carried by a very narrow margin, and on July 18, the International formally affiliated with the CIO. The California local unions of the Brewery Workers' International, however, had voted overwhelmingly against affiliation with the CIO. These unions thereupon accepted a formal proposal of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, to join that organization, being permitted to retain their complete autonomy and jurisdiction and allowed to function as a state organization under a Local Joint Executive Board with branches in the principal cities of the state.

STRONG CASH POSITION

GM's stock sale in November was "an extraordinary deal," she pointed out. Conditions in the securities market were pretty bad and there was no previous indication that GM needed a lot of cash in a hurry. "Yet, in this not-so-hot market," she said, "the company decided to offer \$100 million of preferred stock at \$100 a share. . . . This was the biggest single industrial financing in history. GM is certainly in a terrific cash position now."

EVIDENCE THAT GM WAS BUTTERING UP THE CIO

Evidence that GM was butressing its financial position to prepare for a life-and-death struggle with the union came at the Investment Bankers

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GIGGLES  
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## REAL CONSIDERATE

A small stockholder in a great corporation felt that he had been unjustly treated in a new stock issue, and registered his complaint with the head of the outfit. "You are absolutely right," admitted that gentleman, "but I beg you not to press the point. Thousands of other stockholders would make equal demands, and you'd upset the whole applecart."

"You remind me of my older brother when we both were kids," said the complainant wryly. "Every night after we had been put to bed he'd start beating my brains out. The minute I started to hawl, he'd whisper, 'Ss-s-sh! You'll wake mama!'"

## COMPLETE WASHOUT

Slepperman had trouble with his daughter, too. He sent her to an ultrafashionable girls' school and enrolled her in an extra-special (\$500) class in etiquette. When Becky graduated, she plunged into society. One morning he found her crying hysterically. On the previous evening, it seems, she had attended a dance, met a very handsome and charming young man, and gone for a ride in the park that had disastrous results. "So," cried papa. "Who is this scoundrel, this wolf in ship's clothing? Tell me his name." When Becky shamefully admitted that she didn't even know his name, Mr. Slepperman's patience was at an end. "After all your lessons," he screamed, "you still not having the courtesy to ask, 'With whom am I having the pleasure?'"

## UNEXPECTED RIVAL

You've heard a lot about farmers' beautiful daughters, but Squire Parsons was one farmer who had a beautiful wife. When she went home to visit her mother, all the sunshine went out of his life, and when she wired him to meet her at the station on the 4:28, he hitched up his bay stallion in a fever of anticipation. The stallion had been cooped up in his stall for days and was rarin' to go. He wheeled into the turnpike at 50 an hour, and began picking up from there. Squire Parsons tugged in vain at the reins, and hollered "whoa" until his lungs almost gave out.

Finally, as they thundered over Bear Creek Bridge, he cried out: "Hey, you gol' durned fool! Who do you think got that telegram, you or me?"

## ACME OF DIPLOMACY

Mr. Whoosh, master plumber, observed his new gilt sign, "Whoosh & Son," with keen satisfaction. "Now that you are a member of the firm, my boy," he told his son, "I must remind you again that one quality a plumber must have above all others is tact. Plumbers have to fix leaks in very strange places sometimes. I will never forget, for instance, the time I went in to fix the pipes in a bathroom in a Park Avenue penthouse. There was a beautiful lady sitting in the tub! I remembered about tact, however, and quickly said, 'Pardon me, sir, and walked out without quickening my pace at all.'

The son promised to remember. A few weeks later he reported to his father, "Pop, your little lecture on tact stood me in good stead this morning. I had to fix a break in the pipe in the bridal suite of a big hotel on Fifth Avenue. When I walked in, I saw that the couple who were occupying the suite hadn't gotten up yet. I didn't say a word until I had stopped the leak. Then, on the way out, I simply nodded my head and said, 'Good day, gentlemen!'"

## ELABORATE PREPARATIONS

"I don't get it," said one pretty girl as she divested herself of her undergarments. "I tell the doctor my sinuses are bothering me and he asks me to strip."

A naked seductress with a sash on her lap replied, "My case is even more puzzling. I'm here to tune the piano."

## RIGHTS ON THE JOB

News item from the Phoenix Flame: "Miss Fay King was overcome by gas while taking a bath. She owes her life to the watchfulness of the janitor of her apartment building."

## REAL COMPETITION

A Hollywood agent came home unexpectedly and caught one of his biggest clients making violent love to his wife. The agent's denunciations made no particular impression on the guilty couple. "Stop sounding like a B picture, Joe," he said. "Let's treat this situation like adults. You love your wife and so do I. Let's play one game of gin rummy—and the winner gets her." The agent considered for a moment and agreed.

"Okay," he said slowly, "but what do you say we play for a nickel a point on the side just to make it interesting?"

## Split Personality

A magician who came from Vt. sawed a woman in half at the Post office. When she mildly asked whether he would put her together again, he replied, "I've decided I wt."

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



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## BATTLE HYMNS OF TOIL

by Covington Hall, published by General Welfare Reporter, 312½ W. California, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Price \$1.00.

Battle Hymns of Toil brings into a single volume the hundred best liked poems of Covington Hall, a Southern writer and publicity director for labor and farmer causes.

Known to many readers as Covington Hall, left a wealthy Southern environment to do the spadework with pen and typewriter and mimeograph for struggling unions, for the once militant Farmers Nonpartisan League of the Dakotas, for workers' educational efforts for labor and farmer political crusades—always with a song in his heart, usually with a radical flavor.

Some like his lyrics. Many like his strongly worded indictments of the master class. The Lost Leader, a favorite theme of non-conforming poets, is pictured thus by Covington:

They lifted him to wealth and place;

They meshed his soul in lust and lace;

They tricked him out in gold and braid;

And laurel on his brow laid.

They held him fast with silver strings.  
With opal chains they leashed his wings;

They made him fiftyfold their slave;

Then hailed him as "the free and brave."

They took him from the Rebel Clan

And made a eunuch of the man;

And he was satisfied to dwell Within his gem-encrusted shell.

—F. P.

## Popular Releases

Popular Library, Inc., recently released two excellent mysteries for the 25-cent trade. "Dividend on Death," by Brett Halliday, continues the exciting adventures of the popular Michael Shayne, and "A Variety of Weapons," by Rufus King, holds up the reputation of this author for smooth plotting and good dialogue.—A. E. S.

## Pome of Pashun

They went to school together,  
They grew up side by side,  
But he never knew he loved her  
Till her rich old uncle died.

## YOUR HEALTH

By UNION DOCTOR, M.D.

ATTENTION OF UNIONS TURNS  
MORE TO HEALTH INSURANCE

With all the arguments going on about health and welfare clauses in union contracts, and security for wage earners from the cradle to the grave, it's about time we got the low-down on these important questions.

The greatest remaining source of insecurity facing American working people today is sickness not related to the job. Against all the other catastrophes which threaten workers and their families—unemployment, dependent old age, death of the bread-winner, and industrial disability—the government has been persuaded to provide some measures of protection in the form of our Social Security and Workmen's Compensation laws.

When non-occupational sickness strikes, on the contrary, the great majority of people who work for a living have about as much protection as they do against the atomic bomb. Earning power is promptly interrupted at the worst possible time, when there are heavy medical expenses to be met.

## SICKNESS SECURITY

Because intelligent trade unionists have always known that their health is their only capital, they have been interested for a long time in obtaining security against sickness as a legitimate demand in collective bargaining. The war has had a lot to do with it.

During the war, some unions attempted to set up more ambitious medical care programs, with their own professional personnel and facilities, along the lines of some of the better industrial plans sponsored by management. These company plans are of course distasteful to union members, since one of their main functions is to combat unionism. Nevertheless, there is nothing really wrong with the idea, providing the program is union-sponsored and union-controlled.

Most of these union attempts during the war failed, however. Shortages of doctors and equipment, opposition of vested interests in the organized medical profession, restrictive legislation and inexperience of unions in this field of organization all contributed to these failures.

## GROUP INSURANCE

Group insurance, on the other hand, was a relatively easy goal to attain. First of all, it had the blessing of the War Labor Board. Second, the commercial insurance companies helped to sell employers on the idea, since it also means increased profits for them. Third, the average union member could see the tangible benefits which he would enjoy under such a plan. Cash disability benefits (so-called health and accident coverage), for example, serve a double purpose. They can be used to pay not only medical bills but also ordinary household expenses, which still have to be met whether the head of the family is working or not.

Protection against surgical expenses and hospital charges, even with limitations, exclusions and restrictions is better than nothing. Without it a long, drawn-out illness is likely to saddle the worker with heavy debts.

In addition to obtaining these collective benefits for union members, the group insurance movement was a major accomplishment by organized labor in one other way. It definitely established the idea that employers are responsible for workers' health—not only while at work, but off the job as well. Nevertheless, group health insurance plans have some serious shortcomings, which will be described in next week's article.

Green Urges  
Full Backing  
To Strikers  
In Redwoods

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose. Cecil L. Bradford, Secy. and Bus. Agent, phone Ballard 6341.

BARTENDERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. Secretary-Treas., Jas. Jolley, San Carlos Barber Shop, phone 8103.

BARTENDERS 483 (HOTEL, RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m., 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Secy., Pearl Robinson, Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey, phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, 2nd and fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. President F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 6745; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 3718.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 411½ Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., W. J. Dickerson, 201 Monroe St., phone 8180. Secy., L. T. Long, Pacific Grove, phone P. G. 4922. Office at 411½ Alvarado St., phone 6744; Bus. Agent, F. O. Easton, 1508 Circle Drive, (P. O. Box 692), Salinas, phone Salinas 4872. Mailing address: P. O. Box 611. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (MONTEREY BRANCH)—Pres., Chas. McKinley, Res. 800 Lily St. Secy., E. L. Courtright, 1221 First Ave., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Ex. Secy., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 411½ Alvarado St. Pres., Grover Bethards, Res. 488 Spencer St., phone 7804. Fin. Secy., D. L. Ward, 300 Gibson St., phone 6726. Bus. Rep., L. T. Long, phone 6726. Office at 411½ Alvarado St., Box 1095, phone 6744.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY PENINSULA)—Meets at 315 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Vice-Pres., Max Johnson. Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Avenue, phone Mont. 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS No. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411½ Alvarado Street, Monterey, Pres., Mahlon Fales, 406 Villa Del Monte, phone 8107; Secretary and Bus. Agent, John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets first and third Fridays, Labor Temple, Hoffman and Lighthouse Aves., 8 p.m. President Perry Luce, 1251 David Ave.; Vice-President, Arthur Mercer, 422 Archer St.; Secretary-Treasurer, S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilltop St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Siebert.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES Division 192—President, Harry F. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets first Friday in month at 301 Alvarado St., 12:30 a.m. Pres. and Bus. Agent, A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, phone Monterey 4257. Sec. Harry H. Judson, Res. 422, Pacific Grove, phone Pacific Grove 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, Pres., Norman Winslow, Box 792, Carmel, phone 2120. Fin. Secy., M. Isakson, 1, Box 211-C, Monterey, phone 5249. Rec. Secy., W. S. Kallerup, Box 1461, Carmel. Bus. Agent, Robert E. Estis, 421 Casanova Ave., Monterey, phone 3759.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meets first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey, phone 2722. Bus. Agent, Jose Mondragon, Res. 2722, phone 6670.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS No. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411½ Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. President, Howard Tretzel, Serra Hotel, Monterey; Secretary, H. Diaz, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey, phone 7986.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Wednesday of month, Room 6, P.O. Bldg., 7:45 p.m. Pres., Glen Leidig, Box 355, Carmel, phone 1186-R; Secy., E. L. Edwards, Box 2039, Carmel; Bus. Agt., Arthur Hamil, Box 6, Monterey, phone 7661.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple, Pres., James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Secy., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411½ Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Secy., Haskell Warren, P.O. Box 513, Carmel. Fin. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411½ Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 1216.

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## Serious Flaws In Our Social Security Told

Washington, D. C. The fact that millions of American workers are excluded from the federal social security program and the pitiful inadequacy of benefits now paid are twin defects standing starkly out of the Social Security Board report made as the Board rounds out 10 years of running the biggest social insurance system in the world.

The report shows 43 million workers insured as of January, 1947, broken down into the following classes:

1. Retired and drawing benefits—710,000.

2. Permanently protected—8,200,000.

3. Having temporary retirement protection for themselves, and survivor protection for their families—26,800,000.

4. Having temporary survivor protection for their families, but not retirement protection—7,700,000.

### COVERAGE SHOWN

The permanently protected 8,200,000 workers are those who have worked continuously in jobs covered by social security for the 10 years the act has been in operation; those whose age is so close to the 65-year retirement mark that they could not lose protection even if they left covered employment; and those who are now 65 or over and are fully insured.

The board warns, however, that the amounts of benefits for the permanently insured worker will drop if he leaves covered employment and takes an uncovered job. There were about 21,000,000 such jobs which the board recommended to the House Ways and Means Committee last spring to be brought under social security. The proposal did not get beyond the committee stage in the 79th Congress.

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### Real Tough Case

When a doctor, called to a house to attend a confinement, had been upstairs a few minutes he came down, said to the husband: "Have you got a corkscrew?" He was given one and went upstairs. A few minutes elapsed . . . he came down; said: "Got a screwdriver?" He was given one and went upstairs. A few minutes and he came down for a third time, asked for a chisel and mallet. "Good gracious, doctor," the worried husband said, "is it a boy or a girl?" "Don't know yet," replied the doctor. "Can't get my medicine case open."

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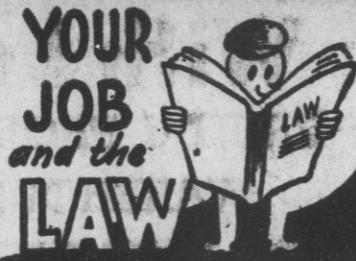
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By JACK ABBOTT

Back pay suits for gate-to-gate pay continue to pile up. Among the suits now pending in the courts are the following:

1. An action by the Mine Mill & Smelter Workers against the National Smeltering Co. for \$10,000,000 covering overtime and double damages claimed to be due for walking time since 1938.

2. A suit by ex-employees against the Scullin Steel Co. at St. Louis, for over \$2,000,000.

3. A suit by former employees against Curtiss-Wright at St. Louis for over \$5,000,000.

4. A suit by present and former employees against Federal Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. for over \$1,000,000.

Many similar suits are being filed and it is a safe bet that the settlement of such claims will be involved in future contract negotiations.

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### Poll Held Illegal

In a recent case before the NLRB an employer wrote several letters to his employees who were on strike. These letters were temperate in language and made no threats, but one of them contained a ballot asking the employees if they wanted to return to work under the employer's proposals to the union. The NLRB held that this attempt to poll the employees was a violation of the Wagner Act (Penokee Veneer Co.).

The Carpenters reported a very good meeting. Nine or ten new members were admitted. Their difficulty regarding carpenter work in the saloons has been cleared up.

The president reminded the Council that at the next meeting, nominations are to be made for officers for the coming six months.

There was some discussion regarding future prospects for organized labor. It was pointed out that labor faces a vigorous campaign to take away our gains. Labor must use every effort to hold what gains it has made. Cooperation and teamwork are necessary. The opinion was expressed that if we don't hold together, our organizations might just as well fold up.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

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### Monitorial Dissent

The NLRB customarily includes monitorial employees (such as inspectors) in the same bargaining unit as production employees, where their authority is such as to warrant a finding that they have supervisory status.

NLRB Member Reynolds dissent from this view, as did his predecessor G. D. Reilly, on the ground that the monitors usually have interests which put them on management's side and that they therefore should not be in the rank and file. In a recent case, Mr. Reynolds dissented from the majority opinion even though the employers had not asked to have the monitorial employees, bus driver supervisors, excluded (Tampa Transit Lines).

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Addressing a meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Management, Clague got across these points:

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## BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Pres. Wm. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m., December 19, 1946.

Roll call showed 20 delegates, with nine local unions represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Received a Christmas card from State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

A letter from the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California calling attention to the prefabricated house, built out of flimsy material making a fire-trap, also a review of the Council work for the past year and financial statement.

A copy of minutes from the Santa Clara County B. & C.T.C. and the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council.

A report from the Pile Local Union 34 of San Francisco.

A labor bulletin from the Social Security Board.

Two news letters from the California State Federation of Labor.

### BUSINESS MANAGERS' REPORTS

Bro. F. O. Easton reports his findings for the past two weeks, one local contractor has started 14 new homes; all craft men are working; there are a few laborers available.

Bro. R. E. Estis, B.A. of Painters 272, reports several new paint jobs will be ready about January 1, 1947. The local will meet Saturday to pass on their new agreement. The linoleum layers are being organized under the Painters charter.

Bro. S. M. Thomas, B.A. of Hod Carriers & Laborers 690, reports that the first strip of the highway is in and they are starting the second one. All the Laborers are working who want to work. Stolt Co. has started 10 new homes on David Ave., Monterey.

The reports were accepted.

### REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS

Bro. F. O. Easton, Sheet Metal Workers 304, reports their new agreement is to be passed on at the next meeting of the local.

Bro. Robert Deakin, Painters 272, reports that the Linoleum Workers are to affiliate with the Painters and asked if the Linoleum Workers would be entitled to a delegate in the Council aside from the regular local union delegates.

The Chairman ruled that the local union would be entitled to the regular number of delegates and it would be up to the local if they wanted to have a Linoleum Worker as a delegate to the Council.

Bro. M. Fales, Electric Workers 1072, reports no meeting, but their new agreement is being worked out.

Bro. F. Decker, Laborers' 690, reports a good meeting, initiated eight new members and had a fine Christmas party.

Bro. W. T. Evans, Carpenters



By ED HUGHES

Saw Joe Louis around town the other day and he said he'd "keep on fighting as long as my legs hold up and my punch can put 'em down." Jack Dempsey, lamping Joe's lightning KO of Tami Mauriello, piped: "Guess Joe will hold that old title till he dies." Well, in a manner of speaking Joe could, if retiring unbeaten. Many believe, and with strong arguments, that the Brown Bomber is the greatest.

No way of proving or disproving that—nor, for that matter, how much Joe has slowed up pugilistically. If the caliber of the opposition doesn't improve he'll be slapping them over indefinitely.

### CALCIUM DEPOSITS?

Joe got the skittish Conn in the eighth, which was just about when he elected to. Some of the "form students" thought Joe showed traces of chalk deposits and stiffened arteries. I have plenty of both and still couldn't find much hint of them in Joe's movements. Louis is 32, has been a fighting man 12 years, counting three in the army.

It doesn't figure to be as good as he was several years ago. But only a real fighter can give you a clear answer on that. And Joe may grow a white beard to his knees before the young man turns up. Don't ever take the word of a fight expert for it.

### PEAK PERFORMANCE?

Sports scribblers frequently deal in mildewed myths. Most abused of these myths is the fighter's so-called peak performance. According to the herd opinion this occurs when he bows over the champ and grabs the crown. From exactly that magic moment the new champ begins to decline, they say. Never was balloon sliced so thick. Perhaps 'tis true a gladiator hurls more fury and muscular effort in winning a title. But that doesn't class it as his topnotch performance.

Take Dempsey. They still rave over his crimson butchery of the slow moving giant Willard. Actually he was a more finished arena machine, a greater fighter in whipping Carpenter, Tom Gibbons and Louis Firpo. He was ferocious against Carpenter, actually proved faster and cleverer than Gibbons, a remarkably skilled boxer. He proved his greatest fighting spirit against Firpo, rallying from a near knockout to quickly flatten the "wild bull of the pampas."

### LOUIS IMPRESSIVE

With scarcely an exception the new heavyweight champion has always caught the old one washed up, or about there. It is the law of

biologic averages. That alone makes a joke of the peak-performance hokey. Usually the title-winning brawl is one of his softest touches. The scraps demanding his best efforts come after that, since he's been slapping against young bones and flailing spirits.

Louis was impressive knocking the crown loose from Jim Bradock's battered brow. But Bradock had been licked 22 times before that, had been a game but never a great fighter. It would be hard even to guess Joe's peak performance. He had so many of them.

### THE INEXPERT EXPERTS

For sheer hitting power and for skillfully producing an opening from a boxed up for I'd say his KO of Iron-Man Paulino was one of them. That was a year and a half before he won the title. His championship knockouts of Schmeling and Galento were two others in my book. Also the 13-rounders of Conn. I always thought Joe named the round on that—as he could have named it within the first five rounds.

The critic who thinks he can tag a fighter's peak performance should be in some other business. He's a phenomenon. So are most champions—until they're licked.

### British Co-op Offers 3 1/2% to Buyer of Home

London, England

House purchase rates have been reduced to an all-time low rate of 3 1/2 per cent by the Cooperative Permanent Building Society in England. The new rates will apply only to advances on houses costing less than £1300 in London and £1200 elsewhere, beyond which rates are government controlled. Other building associations have not yet reduced mortgage rates, but a similar cut a year ago by the Cooperative Permanent Building Society was followed by comparable reductions in rates by all other cooperative building societies.

London, England

MITCHEL STILLMAN COMPANY—ECKHART SEED COMPANY: Your employers are waiting for a decision as to the result of arbitration on the S.P. Milling case so that they may use that as a basis upon which our new agreements with these companies will be negotiated. Since our last meeting which was held at the Carpenters Hall for this group, there have been no changes as to wages, hours and conditions for these companies. We wish to advise any of our members in the seed industry who are no longer employed to please register with the office of the Union for employment—or if necessary to take out an honorable withdrawal card.

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PRODUCE DRIVERS: Your negotiating committee met with the Industry in Los Angeles on December 17 and 18. At that meeting the matter of preferential hiring, elective coverage and the wage problem were discussed. As stated the last time we wrote on this matter, the retroactive date of December 1, covering the Watsonville, Hollister and Salinas areas and the Southern California district comprised of Imperial, Yuma and Brawley areas, shall be the effective date.

There is another meeting scheduled for the 11th of January at which time a final decision will be made by the employers as to all that has been arrived at in our negotiations. We can report progress at this time; however, there hasn't been anything agreed to yet. There are many things that have happened which will be discussed at a special called meeting when your Union is able to come back with something that can be reported as real progress. This meeting will be called perhaps in January after the negotiation date which is the 10th of January. In the meantime anyone going to southern California, be sure to place your book in the Local at El Centro so that a transfer can be requested for you.

THE OFFICERS WISH TO EXTEND ALL MEMBERS BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

The following members have received sick benefit checks this week: Lucy Chetkovitch, 170 Wall St., Watsonville; Neta McCoid, P.O. Box 601, Gilroy; William Jackson, R. 3, Box 131, Salinas; Charles W. Long, 1016 Pacific St., Salinas; Maybelle Vandiver, 142 Sycamore Road, Salinas; Edna Glenn, 1415 First Ave., Salinas. Please visit these sick members.

RAITER CANNING COMPANY:

To all members employed at the Raiter Canning Company, Salinas: We wish to advise to all members working as the spinach crew that the company has changed its mode of operation so that piece work is eliminated. After making an inspection of this particular department the Union discovered that there are two new classifications which have been created as a result of the change from hand canning of spinach to filler type operation. The job the Union refers to is the filler operators and check weighers which of course have to be made part of our present working agreement and classifications will have to be negotiated, and rates of pay made applicable to the jobs from the date jobs began. This will be done perhaps before you read this column.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MILLING COMPANY: The Arbitrator has not been named yet in the instance of the S.P. Milling Company with plants in Salinas, Gonzales, Solvang, Greenfield and King City. We ask that all members employed at this firm keep accounts of all hours worked, as the retroactive date as agreed upon is November 20th. Our request for .925c to \$1.30 is the basis upon which we have arrived at arbitration.

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We wish to advise that Sister Vivian Biscer has been appointed a Shop Steward on the swing shift for the carrot line. We ask all of our members employed on that shift to work with Sister Biscer.

All of our members who work on the fresh produce line who have not received overtime pay after 6 p.m. or overtime pay after 5 p.m. when no lunch period was taken, the Union makes reference to the fresh broccoli line—is entitled to time and one-half pay and can receive same by making claim at the Personnel Office. It is also understood and agreed between the Union and the company that heat will be provided for immediately in the carrot shed where this fresh broccoli crew is employed.

CHARLOTTE PENIDO and family spent Christmas holidays